

#114 W. JOPPA ROAD

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bungalow

(Witts Bungalow site)

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

114 W. Joppa Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Most Reverend Lawrence J. Shehan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #: See Attachment

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson 21204

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Spring, 1978</u>

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Here is a very typical bungalow and a good example of a type of house that was quite important in Towson during the first quarter of this century.

It is a frame building (many bungalows were among the first "pre-fab" residences) resting on a 2-3 foot rock faced formstone foundation. There is a full story on the first level and the upper story is characterized by the large gable-end roof and oversized dormers. The fenestration is irregular; the building is roughly two large bays wide and two deep. The exterior is covered with wooden shingles which were probably a natural dark brown prior to being painted white.

This building contains two characteristics which are common to the gable-end bungalow, the deep eave catslide roof and oversized dormer. By incorporating the roofline of the ever present front porch into the roofline of the main block a catslide or saltbox shape results which many bungalows have. Deep overhanging eaves (often with exposed rafter ends or brackets) further accentuate the roof. Front and back (North and South in this case) dormers provide light and cross-ventilation, as well as needed space. Without them, the house would technically be only a single story with finished attic. The south dormer is so large that it appears added, however, the shingles, windows and history of this type suggests that it is original.

The fenestration is regular insofar as 6/1 sash windows are paired throughout the building but smaller six light casement windows on either side of the fireplace, the chimney itself and a random placement of the windows of the east facade (relevant to stairs) destroys any sense of symmetry.

The front porch is featured in this plan and is not "stuck on" but integrated into the rest of the building and, like any pre-airconditioner porch, should be viewed as an important living area. The main entrance is on the east side of the porch area. The space is partially enclosed by a solid shingled banister and the roof is supported by square truncated columns with inset panels. The tongue-and-groove floor is supported by piers made of the same rock faced formstone as the foundation.

The ends of the building are the most irregular. The west end is dominated by the brick chimney which is shouldered for a fireplace. The east end is broken up by the placement of windows about the stairline and a ground level basement entrance in the south bay. Both ends have six light casement windows which light the cellar.

On the north facade (back) there is a single story, single bay shed roofed porch containing an enclosed pantry and partially enclosed entrance.

The interior examination of this house revealed that it has a typical bungaloid plan ie. a laterally divided living room containing the stairs and landing on the side by the entrance.(south-east corner). The living room occupies approximately one half of the first level space with the remainder divided between the dining area and kitchen. The dining room is connected to the living room via a double doorway and it occupies the north-west corner of the first floor. The kitchen occupies the north-east corner and an original pantry extends off of the north wall.

The basement is of full height and has concrete block walls. All modern

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materials can be seen here such as circular sawn joists, wire nail, etc.

The upstairs is larger than it appears from outside. There is one large bedroom, two smaller ones plus a bathroom.

All of the rooms on both levels are made decorative by relatively plain square channel mouldings on the doors and windows. The fireplace, on the west wall of living room, has no mantle, only porous brick facing. The opening is small and suggestive of the fact that it was intended either as a coal burner or as more of a decorative item than primary heat source.

The foundation of a single car garage is located off of the south-west corner of the house. The present occupant says that it can be seen in a 1950's photograph which is in the rectory of Immaculate Church.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH for BUNGALOW #114 JOPPA RD.

Liber 4750, Folio 250 May 3, 1967

Grantor: Ann B. Seibold

Grantee: The Most Reverend Lawrence J. Shehan

"Beginning...Northeast side of Joppa Road at a point distant South... East 240' from the corner formed by the intersection of the northeast side of Joppa Road and the southeast side of Baltimore Ave...Plat of "Ware's Addition to Towsontown"...South...West 150'...West 40' to place of beginning...known as No. 114 Joppa Road."

Liber 3862, Folio 258 July 6, 1961

Grantor: J. Walton Bolgiano & Chloie B. (wife)

Grantee: Francis X. Seibold & wife

Liber 3105, Folio 474 February 15, 1957

Grantor: Daniel G. Witts & wife

Grantee: J. Walton Bolgiano & wife

Liber 911, Folio 426 July 1, 1933

Grantor: Ulyssess G. Witts & wife

Grantee: Daniel T. Witts & wife

Liber 573, Folio 97 April 30, 1923

Grantor: Joseph B. Murray et.al.

Grantee: Ulyssess G. Witts & wife

Liber 108, Folio 6 June 10, 1878

Grantor: Ellenor L. Pinkerton & husband

Grantee: John Smith et.al.

September 5, 1887- Thomas Murray conveyed by way of mortgage...property...

Mortgage records...132/213...assigned to Louisa V. Murray  
his wife

January 9, 1889- ..conveyed further mortgage to Thomas J. Hunter...Mortgage  
records...141/312

Bungalow  
#114 Joppa Rd.

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SCALE 1" = 200'

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BUNGALOW  
#114 W. Joppa  
S. W. corner

W. NIELT  
Sum-78



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BUNGALOW  
# 114 W. SOPPA RD.  
N.E. CORNER

W. NIELD  
9/78